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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MIRKIN et al.

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For: "METHODS UTILIZING SCANNING
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THEREFOR OR PRODUCED THEREBY"

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 2, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 2, 2001, to November 2, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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